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■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

## Haliburton hockey star Duchene comes home

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Former Red Hawk and current Colorado Avalanche forward Matt Duchene might have a bone to pick with author Tom Wolfe.

Wolfe once wrote a book dedicated to the permanently disenfranchised, entitled, *You Can't Go Home Again*.

Matt, the number three pick in last year's NHL entry draft, disagrees vehemently.

Like a lot of NHL players, Matt's on an extended hiatus from Feb. 15 to March 1,

due to a scheduling moratorium engendered by the Olympics.

While a lot of players will be headed south for sun and sand, young Matt, who turned 19 a few weeks back, is opting for the sometimes sunny, if slightly more frigid, reaches of his home here in Haliburton.

Take that, Mr. Wolfe.

Turns out that's really good news for his former team, the Hal High Red Hawks. Matt will be using his time to do a little skating at his old haunt, the Dysart et al arena, and while he's here, he'll

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■ PROVINCIAL POLITICS

## Former MPP Laurie Scott plans to run again

LISA GERVAIS

Special to the Echo

Laurie Scott wants back in.

The two-time former Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Progressive Conservative MPP who gave up her seat in the legislature last year to open an opportunity for former PC leader John Tory to run – announced on Thursday, Feb. 4 she is throwing her hat into the ring for the 2011 provincial election.

The controversial Scott-Tory byelec-

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ANGELICA BLEINICH/Echo

### An affair to remember

Local artist Noelia Marziali sits in front of her own works of art on display at Heritage House Café on Pine Street. The exhibit, titled The Perpetually Fleeting Love Affair, is a series of oil paintings on the duality of love. The exhibit will be on display at the café from Feb. 4 to Mar. 31, with an official opening on Sunday, Feb. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.



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Congratulations to Sharon and Jack Sinclair who received a Ethel Curry Gallery Gift Certificate as our 2009 "Grand Prize Referral" winner. Contact us to get your name into the draw for 2010.

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**FIRES**

# Three fires break out in less than a week

Sixteen Dysart firefighters arrived at Kashaga Lodge Thursday, responding to a call that the fire alarm in one of the cabins was going off.

"On arrival [we] found the cabin full of smoke and working fire. The fire was contained, but the cottage was damaged by the smoke and water and major fire damage," a press release from the department says.

The fire was out by 3 p.m., but \$80,000 in damage was sustained.

An "individual thawing a water pipe with a propane heater" is listed as the cause of the fire.

See photos on our website: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca).

## Garage fire causes \$100,000 damage

Dysart and Minden Hills fire departments responded to a garage fire at the home of Ron McCloud on Calico Road Feb. 7 just after noon.

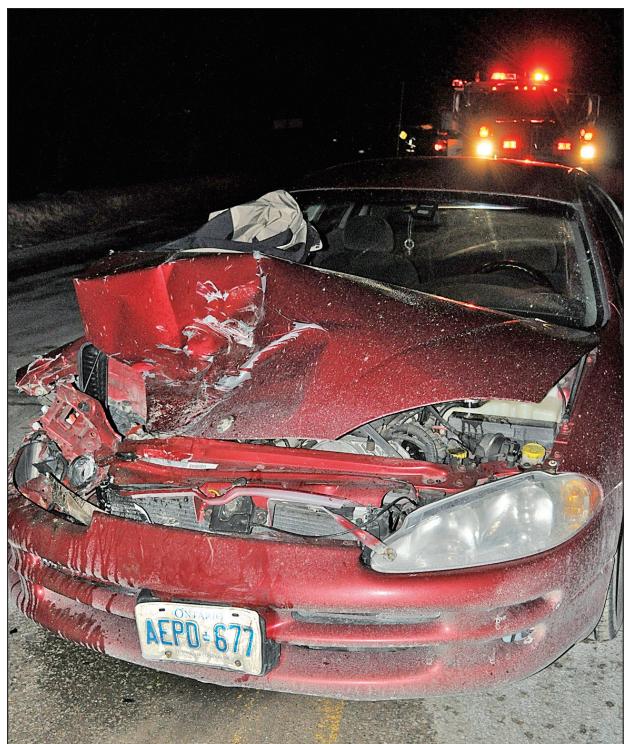
"On arrival [we] found the garage full of smoke and [a] working fire. The fire was contained to the separated garage," a press release from the Dysart department reads.

Damage from the fire, smoke and water damage brought the cost estimate to \$100,000.

The cause of the fire was unknown at press time.

## Snowmobile catches fire on Rail Trail

The Dysart fire department responded to a snowmobile fire on the Rail Trail at 4982 Gelert Rd Feb. 7. On arrival firefighters found the snowmobile owned by Noel Mathews of Port Perry fully involved in flames and nearby trees on fire. The fire consumed the engine leaving only the track and seat. The fire was contained at 5:40 p.m. \$8,000 of damages was estimated, but the cause of the fire is unknown at this time.



## EARLY DEADLINE REMINDER DUE TO **FAMILY DAY**

**Haliburton Echo:**  
Wednesday, February 10th  
@ 5pm

**Minden Times:**  
Thursday, February 11th  
@ 5pm

## Car crash on Old Donald Road

A two-vehicle collision took place on Feb. 5 at approximately 7 p.m. at the intersection of Gelert Road and Old Donald Road. Firefighters and OPP members attended to the scene. At the time of press the extent of injuries was unknown. /Photo by Angelica Blenich.

## LENSLESS PHOTOGRAPHY

# Art exhibit shines light on pinhole cameras

**CHAD INGRAM**

*Staff reporter*

Lensless Photography is an apt name for a new exhibit at Haliburton's Rails End Gallery.

The exhibit, by local photographer Joe Smith, on until Feb. 27 features photos Smith took with a pinhole camera.

Pinhole cameras have no lenses. Rather, they let in light through a tiny hole.

"A lot of the fun is that you get to make



This is a photo taken with a Joe Smith's homemade pinhole camera.

your own cameras," Smith told a crowd at the show's opening on Feb. 6.

To take the photos for the exhibit, Smith transformed an old Polaroid camera into a pinhole model by removing the lens and most of the camera's innards. A false front with a pinhole is taped over the area where the lens would have been and presto – a pinhole camera.

"It's interesting and it's a lot of fun," Smith said. "But it can also be very frustrating."

The lack of a lens rendered his Polaroid's viewfinder useless. When taking pinhole photographs, the photographer doesn't know what the picture is going to look like until after it is taken.

"You kind of have to guess," Smith said.

He said it would usually take three or four attempts before he got the shot he was looking for.

The photos in the exhibit are images of Haliburton County, from oak leaves to old driving sheds and farmhouses. They possess a hazy, faded sort of quality.

As Smith explained, while normal cameras have exposure times of a fraction of second, with pinhole photography, exposure time is a number of seconds, which gives the photos soft, undefined characteristics.

Smith's love affair with photography has been nearly a lifelong one. Receiving his first camera at the age of 10, Smith said he's always had a keen interest in photography and worked closely with photographers for many years in his career in advertising. He said the technology and history of photography is



**Joe Smith's Lensless Photography exhibit is being held at the Rails End Gallery until Feb. 27.**  
*/Photo by Chad Ingram.*

especially interesting to him.

"That's when I came across pinhole photography," Smith said, explaining that the medium is very old.

In fact, Smith said there is evidence the ancient Greeks used devices that were essentially pinhole cameras.

The gallery will be hosting a pinhole camera demonstration on Feb. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. and there will also be a workshop on how to make a pinhole camera from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 27.

The photos in the exhibit are for sale and there is a price list at the gallery.

## SYRUP PRODUCERS' AGM

# New standards keep syrup safe

**ELIZABETH BOWER**

*Special to the Echo*

Local maple-syrup producers recently got new guidelines about how to keep their product safe to eat.

The guidelines, prepared by the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association, include how to keep mice out of sugar houses and proper ways to sanitize equipment, said Neil Campbell,

incoming president of the association's Haliburton-Kawartha chapter.

The guidelines are part of the association's Best Practices Manual handed out at Friday's annual general meeting in Buckhorn.

Maple syrup doesn't spoil as easily as other foods but the association is trying to be pro-active, Campbell said.

"This assures the public we're making our best effort to produce a good product," Campbell said.

The manual also provides guidelines on forestry management and sugarhouse design.

"We also want to be good environmental citizens," said Campbell, who runs a small operation on 50 acres in Minden. "In much of our area, sugar maples are the dominant forest species and sugar bushes are an important part of our landscape."

Producers can use the manual to grade themselves on how well they're doing or

they can hire independent auditors, he said.

The manual is a successor to the association's Seal of Quality program. It was designed to be more relevant to current production methods and standards.

NOTE: Neil Campbell takes over the local chapter's presidency from McLean Berry Farm owner Sam McLean, of Lakefield.

*Peterborough Examiner*

## CARDIFF ELEMENTARY

# School board continues testing for radon gas

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

In an ongoing investigation into radon gas levels at Cardiff school, an environmental organization's repeat-

ed requests for further testing from the school board have finally been met.

Environment Haliburton (EH), a not-for-profit volunteer organization focused on environmental issues as they relate to Haliburton County, recently sent the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) a

letter asking whether or not proper testing has been completed for both Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools.

The testing into radon gas levels, as required by Health Canada, began last summer by the school board as part of the program and accommodation review process. A Mississauga firm was contracted to do the testing that found an average level of 288 Becquerels per cubic metre of radon gas in Cardiff school over a 24 hour period. The Health Canada acceptable level of the gas is 200.

In a letter sent on Feb. 1 to Judy Saunders, a trustee of the TLDSB, EH requested the board complete proper testing, as required for Cardiff Elementary School.

"What happened was that testing was done over the summer of 2009 in the sense that three 24-hour tests were done between Wilberforce and Cardiff," says Joan Barton, vice-president of EH. "They went into Wilberforce school and did one test on Aug. 25, 2009 and that test came in well under the radon concentration guidelines. So after they received the first safe reading which didn't propose to be a concern they did no further testing."

"They also tested in Cardiff on Aug. 25, 2009," says Barton. "They went into the closed building and tested and came back with 288.23, which is significantly above the threshold. Then they went back in on Aug. 31, 2009 and did another 24-hour test after the consultants ventilated the building first. The second test reading came in significantly lower."

The concern from EH follows on the heels of a letter sent to the board on Nov. 17. This letter states that according to the TLDSB, a second test for radon gas completed at Cardiff Elementary was obtained after opening of the doors and windows of the school and

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## COTTAGE LIFE

# 'It's just good times...'

## Local anthropologist gives talk on the Haliburton cottage experience

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

"When I first moved to Ontario back in 1994 to teach at Trent University, there were three assumptions people had about how I would be spending my summer," says Julia Harrison, a professor of anthropology. "They thought I would either be spending the summer at my cottage, spending the summer at a relative's cottage, or longing to be spending my summer at a cottage."

And so begins Harrison's lecture on the culture of cottaging, a phenomenon the anthropologist spent three years studying after being transfixed with this idea of summers in Ontario being connected to summers spent at the cottage.

Raised in Western Canada, Harrison explained to the group attending the lecture on Feb. 3 that the idea of spending your summer at a cottage is not one that is universal throughout Canada. The lecture, which was facilitated through U-Links, a centre for community-based research, provided the anthropologist with a medium to share her research experiences.

"When I was living in Saskatchewan nobody would talk about this cottage experience," she says. "Then when I moved to Peterborough I suddenly began to hear all about it and all it sounded like was work and stress," she laughs, referring to news reports she would here

about bad cottage traffic, among other things.

Having done a PhD on the culture of tourism, with the majority of her research done in Hawaii, Harrison decided it was time to delve into this cottage culture a little further by taking up residency on Kushog Lake, in a property owned by Trent University.

"At first nobody wanted to take my research project seriously," jokes Harrison. "They all thought 'Oh sure, you're going to spend your time in cottage country talking to tourists, that doesn't sound like research.'"

But research Harrison did, and her findings were surprising.

"I choose to study the county of Haliburton over other cottage areas, such as Muskoka, because I found this region to be a more authentic cottage experience," says Harrison. "Many might ask why an anthropologist would find cottage country interesting and it's because the cottage is a place thick with meaning."

Those meanings, Harrison soon found out after constructing countless number of interviews, were not gender neutral and in fact meant different things for the opposite sexes.

"I learned that the history of cottaging in Ontario, which can be stemmed back to the 1950s and 60s, and even further," explains Harrison, "was intertwined with the notion of sending mom off to the cottage with the kids for the summer, with dad coming up to visit on the

closed building conditions in order to get a meaningful result.

"What EH is asking for is the three-month test recommended by Health Canada because a flag has been raised," says Barton.

According to Barton, as of Feb. 1, EH hadn't received any clear indication from the board on how they were going about rectifying the radon gas issue at Cardiff.

"The proper testing in our opinion hasn't been done," says Barton, "again to the best of our knowledge. We haven't had a clear answer from the board about what they're doing next. I hope that whatever we receive from Ms. Saunders tells us how the board plans to address this."



Anthropologist Julia Harrison presents her research on the culture of cottaging in Haliburton County as part of a U-Links lecture series.

weekends. For many women this meant a period of isolation with just their kids around."

Harrison also went on to explain that even though the feelings of isolation may have faded over the years, the burden of additional domestic labour did not.

"Some women would say to me 'you know, a cottage is just more meals to plan, more laundry for me to do and so on,'" says Harrison.

However this burden of work was not a feeling unique to the females.

"Almost all the men I talked to would tell me how much work having a cottage was and how they would always break a sweat," quips Harrison. "I've never heard so much talk about septic pumps in my lifetime."

Harrison marveled at the fact that many of these men who were interviewed suddenly became shy when asked what they did for a living.

"It was very difficult for me to get answers about what their careers entailed," she said. "It was almost as if their city job was of no importance or relation to the role they had up at the cottage."

Harrison is in the process of compiling her research into a book entitled *It's Just Good Times: the Canadian middle class at the cottage*. When all was said and done, there were many reoccurring themes Harrison came across from almost every one of her interview subjects. After completing her research, Harrison said she began to get the picture.

"All these people I spoke to would go into detail about the family memories they had which circulated around their time spent at their cottage," says Harrison. "Many believed that by having a cottage they were investing in their family and in their children's future. It was a feeling most couldn't even describe or put into words for me."

## Meter testing for radon gas has been installed at Cardiff school

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the ventilation of the school by the consultants doing the testing.

According to EH, these measures violate protocols set out for testing practices by Health Canada.

"As far as I'm concerned I know of no rationale for the opening and the ventilating of the school before testing," says Barton. "I do not understand why you would do that."

The letter states that testing for radon in buildings must be done over a 90-day period since gas concentrations vary from season to season. Ground frost, snow cover and the operation of the heating system in the building will affect gas concentrations in the building. Testing must be done during winter under

According to Saunders, proper testing has been done by the board, of which the results have been sent to EH as per their request.

"My letter to EH states that a meter has been installed at Cardiff which provides ongoing readings of the radon gas levels," explains Saunders.

The letter Saunders is referring to was sent to EH on Jan. 27 and received on Feb. 3 outlining the installation of the meter. The letter also states: "Environmental Consulting and Occupational Health (ECOH), the same company that did the initial testing will be coming to Cardiff elementary during the next month to read the meter. They will then provide the board with the readings. The meter will continue to take measurements and

ECOH will continue to take the readings for the school board until such a time as our plant department determines that the meter can be removed from the school."

Upon receiving this information EH appeared to be satisfied with the news.

"The members of EH are pleased and relieved to hear that the board has taken this issue seriously and is currently in the midst of the testing process in Cardiff," wrote Barton.

Radon gas is created by the breakdown of uranium in the earth and is a naturally occurring gas. High levels of the gas can lead to health problems including lung cancer when exposure is maintained over a long period of time.

# Scott's back

This week we learn that Laurie Scott, former MPP for this riding, will attempt a comeback in the next provincial election.

Just one year after Scott resigned her seat to allow then-party leader John Tory to vie for her space in the legislature, she has decided to jump back in.

It's a brave move.

Many believe that Tory lost in the byelection here to Liberal Rick Johnson because all of Scott's supporters decided to stay home on election day as a protest against the "parachute candidate" and the perceived disloyalty of Scott.

On her part, Scott says she resigned to give the riding something more than she could offer: the chance to be represented by the party leader.

She made the same argument then and it didn't wash.

At this point, Scott is just hoping to be selected as the candidate for the PC party – her name's not on the ballot yet – but she's taking a big chance re-entering the race so soon after she left it.

Because she must know that while she spends the next year explaining why she left, Johnson gets to act stately, roll out spending announcements and generally cement himself in the minds of constituents as the riding's natural MPP.

It may be the hardest campaign of her life.

## Small is beautiful, but it isn't easy

At least once a week I have to defend my decision to live in a small town.

Last week I had to do it twice; once with a city girl who assumed I was biding my time before moving to a "better" job at a big city newspaper, and once with a hometown boy who told me I must like working in Haliburton because it was easier – a good place to learn before moving on to Toronto.

Both of those people thought they were being conversational and practical. Of course, they thought, she would want to move to the city.

I am sure this is a similar scene for most who have chosen to live in Haliburton County. There is a stereotype that those in small towns are there because they couldn't make it in the city.

It is a dangerous way to see the world: it devalues the ideas and work of those in the villages and towns and elevates those in the urban areas.

These beliefs hurt us politically, economically and, on an individual level, psychologically.

But the truth is that both the city and the country bring different challenges and rewards and neither is better or easier than another.

For those of us who have chosen to live in Haliburton County, the higher pay and wider opportunity were bargained away in exchange for the clear night skies, neighbours you know, relative safety from crime and sounds of loons on the lake, among other things.

It might sound sentimental, but it's true.

## editorial

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Good catch

Photo by Chad Ingram

## Keep on trucking (just not near me)

Unlike some people, I'm not nervous on lake ice. I generally get on it as soon as we've got four inches of good ice and fish throughout the season until I can almost smell springtime.

But one of the things I don't do is drive a truck or car on the ice. I don't do this for two reasons. First, I want to live. Second, I don't want to die. I figure I have a good chance of maintaining both conditions if I don't drive on the ice. It's one of the reasons my people got this far.

Sadly, these days, the decision isn't always up to me. That's because, trucks, for some strange reason, seem to look upon me as some sort of shining beacon on the horizon that they must visit – perhaps it's the way the sun shines off of my forehead. No matter; it's like they're drawn to me from miles around.

Typically, I'll be fishing on reasonably good ice, minding my own business, when suddenly and without provocation some guy in a truck will speed right up to where I'm sitting and decide to engage in a bit of small talk. Once – I kid you not – a man and his wife cruised right up to me on rather questionable ice (for a truck) and began the conversation by asking me if I knew how thick the ice was.

This actually happened a couple of years back.

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### Vinegar Hill

All I could do was look at the man and his wife and mutter a silent prayer hoping that they had not yet reproduced. But I suspect it was too late. Another truck got on the ice shortly thereafter.

In any case, as the ice was vibrating all around me and recovering from the shock waves

that their vehicle's approach had caused, I kept having flashbacks of the movie *Titanic*. Mostly about the part when they discovered there were not enough lifeboats. And so, you'll have to excuse me if I wasn't as cordial or talkative as I might normally be, had they decided, say, not to test the strength of the ice in my immediate vicinity. It didn't help when they asked if I had any fish to spare either.

By the way, I wasn't the only one who was peeved. They drove right in among a village of ice huts and, had they stayed longer I believe we might have all revolted and simultaneously drilled holes around the vehicle in order to quarantine them until their IQs grew back.

All this is my subtle way of saying if you decide to drive your vehicle on the ice perhaps you ought to think a bit about why that person you're driving up to didn't.

At the very least, don't be surprised when they suggest that you truck off.

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## Not expected

IT WAS THE LAST PLACE she expected it to happen. But when Jane and Lance walked through the door of the bar that night, little did they know they were in for a surprise. Jane thought she knew what a weekend in Toronto would be like. Plenty of multicultural, multi-ethnic sights and sounds pressed between tall buildings that funnelled the damp winter wind right through her warmest clothes. Stimulating, even alluring perhaps; but not nostalgic, funny and folksy. Not like a neighbourly chat over a pot of tea and biscuits.

After a downtown movie, the two of them had decided to stop at the hotel bar for a nightcap. However its quiet, empty interior caused them to hesitate before entering, unsure if the establishment was open. Pressing on, they then saw a woman behind the bar who nodded that it was indeed open and gesturing them to have a seat. As they were the only two customers, Lance suggested they sit at the bar and so they did.

That was when they learned this very night was the hotel's last, at least in its present state. As of the following day, new owners would be taking over and the place would be closed for several months of renovations. But for these two hotel guests, there had been no hint of the pending closure. So it was with curious surprise Jane and Lance turned to the only other person in the room, the bartender, for information. And Liz, as they learned her name to be, didn't let them down. In fact she proved to be a



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treasury of anecdotes and memories of the hotel and particularly the bar's, glory days.

When Liz had arrived in Toronto from Newfoundland, she had been a girl of 14. While it was never clear at what point she began working at the hotel, once she began she stayed for 31 years. Starting as a part-time waitress, Liz was soon on full-time and in no time moved behind the bar. That was back in the days when Maple Leaf Gardens was a hub of activity that reached out to encompass the people and businesses within its sphere. Celebrity players, show business types, millionaire tycoons and their mistresses and wives all made their way through the doors of Liz's establishment. She came to know her "regulars." The big tippers, the drunks, the sad loners and the starry-eyed novices made their way into her heart with the passing years.

As Jane and Lance sipped, Liz described putting away money from men who would have drunk every cent of their meagre paycheques. She heard the rumours and about the skeletons and quickly learned to listen but say little other than a sigh of sympathy or word of encouragement. Best of all, she could thicken her accent, roll her eyes and pass on the best joke she had heard that week. It kept both the customers and Liz herself returning year after year.

Now with her hair looking a little too black and her eye makeup a little too thick, Liz shook her head as she recounted the changes that began the bar's slow downward spiral. A series of different owners seemed to lose sight of what made the business good. Next the Gardens closed and finally, a ban on smoking in bars put the nail in the coffin, in Liz's view.

Just as Lance and Jane were finishing their drinks, another customer entered and sat at the far end of the bar. He was an older gentleman, with the tired eyes and slightly stooped shoulders of someone carrying a weight of some kind. Liz whispered he was one of her regulars but she hadn't seen him for a while and she hustled over to strike up a new conversation. Perhaps, Jane thought, he had come to pay his last respects.



## pic of the past

Mr. Konni, back right, and his daughter Lillian Winterflood stand behind Eila and Harry Stark. The information in the old letter that accompanied this photo and three more, said "Sunny Rock Villa at Scot's Dam started by Mr. and Mrs. Konni." The letter also mentions skiing to school and the parents were Finnish.

## letter to the editor

## Congratulations yoga studio

To the Editor,

As a former Minden resident, I jumped out of my seat when I read that there was a successful yoga studio in Haliburton. Where was that when I was living there? It's absolutely fantastic to see that Blue Sky Yoga made it past their one year anniversary. What a fantastic achievement. I take

yoga classes in my current city of Timmins and rest assured, the next time I go to the mat, I'll be thinking about the beautiful cottage country I left behind and all the people there who are now able to relax and do a downward dog or two.

**Jessica Young**  
(former *Minden Times* reporter)

## Folk society seeks youth ambassador

The Haliburton County Folk Society is looking for a youth ambassador to help promote youth awareness, interest and participation in music and musical events offered by the folk society in Haliburton County.

The folk society's youth ambassador for a one-year term will represent the musical interests and initiatives of local youth on the Haliburton County Folk Society committee, help to increase youth awareness of and membership to the folk society, promote and participate in open stage nights and concerts and create and facilitate a youth committee for ideas and input.

Young musicians interested in being a youth ambassador should send a letter or email expressing their reasons for wanting to be the youth ambassador for the Haliburton County Folk Society, how they became interested in music, and their ideas on how to make Haliburton youth interested in participating

in the folk society and its events. Their submission should also include a short bio along with their name, mailing address, telephone number, email address and age.

All submissions will be reviewed by a committee of the folk society and a 2010 youth ambassador will be selected by March 31. The successful candidate will receive a complimentary membership for one year to the Haliburton County Folk Society, free tickets to four concerts in 2010, five free CDs from the folk society's collection, their song recorded at a local recording studio and a radio interview on a local radio station.

Submissions are due March 24 and are to be sent to Trina West, youth program coordinator, Haliburton County Folk Society, 1107 Steeplechase Rd., Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0 or by email to [info@haliburtonfolk.com](mailto:info@haliburtonfolk.com).



## OHL HOCKEY

# Hodgson nails down two assists

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Superb news of Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson emanating from the Brampton Battalion's Ontario Hockey League (OHL) website last week.

The young center, in his first game back from a debilitating back injury suffered last summer, earned two assists in a 4-2 Brampton Battalion victory over the Fort Erie Otters last Thursday evening (Feb. 4).

Hodgson was drafted 10th overall by the Vancouver Canucks in the NHL's 2008 Entry Draft, and he was assigned back to the Battalion last fall after playing just six exhibition games with the Canucks.

Hodgson has been slowly rehabilitating his back and has been skating with the Battalion since November.

He said that he felt pretty good last Thursday night, a fact his old linemate Scott Tanski testified to in his post game comments on the Battalion website.

"To be honest, I didn't see any difference from last season to this one," said Tanski, who is in his third season as Hodgson's teammate. "He just goes out there and, because he's such a professional, he steps right into a role and does an unbelievable job at it. That's what he's all about."

Coach Stan Butler said he was very careful about keeping an eye on Hodgson's minutes during his Brampton debut.

"I told him he had to let me know how he was feeling," said Butler. "I told him we'd give him what we thought he could handle. We wanted him to play a lot, but for his first game we didn't want to overdo it."

So far so good said Hodgson. "There

were a couple of little tweaks, and it tightened up a little bit at the end of the game, but overall my back felt pretty good," said the plucky Battalion captain. For Hodgson it was his first game since a Canucks 5-4 preseason loss to Edmonton on Sept. 27.

On the Canucks front, the *Vancouver Province* reports that there may be a rift developing between Hodgson and the team. Province hockey writer Jim Jamison reports that Hodgson sent a terse message to the front office saying that he would not be training with the Canucks' director of player development Dave Gagner.

This fuels speculation that Hodgson and his camp are unhappy with his former training mentor. Hodgson suffered his original back injury while training at Gagner's London, Ont. fitness facility in July.

The 2008-09 CHL player of the year

also told Vancouver management last fall that he would be seeking independent medical advice from a Cleveland specialist Dr. Tony Miniaci.

Hodgson told Jamison and the *Province* that he didn't want to dwell on the past, but would be severing all ties with Gagner and the London club.

"In the summer I won't be training with Mr. Gagner," Hodgson said.

Asked why he wouldn't be training with Gagner, with whom he's worked the previous two summers, Hodgson told Jamison: "I feel I have good trainers I can work with in Toronto."

"This creates a problem for Canucks' GM Mike Gillis, who has a prospect who apparently doesn't want to work with his player development director," writes Jamison, adding, "Gillis didn't immediately return a call to *The Province*."

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Steve Galea throws reporter Chad Ingram up into the air while practising their figure skating moves out on the frozen Head Lake. /Photos by Jenn Watt



Galea and Ingram race down the hill while "bobsledding." The caps on their heads must make all the difference in aerodynamics.

## ■ OLYMPICS

# Just believe!

**CHAD INGRAM**

*Staff reporter*

It was an average day at headquarters. My colleague Steve Galea and I were in our cell – I mean, office – bouncing our tennis ball off the wall.

We were doing well – 723 exchanges without a single drop. It seemed we were on our way to a new record.

Then the door swung open with alarming gusto. There she was, our fear-inspiring leader, the editor-in-chief who Galea and I had come to refer to simply as Watt the Wicked.

Watt looked different, much more patriotic than usual.

Draped in some kind of poncho-like garment it appeared she had fashioned herself from a Canadian flag, she was wearing another flag as a cape and her hair had been dyed fire engine red.

It was frightening. Galea dropped the ball. "Do you two know what this Friday is?" she asked, striding about the room like a bully prepping to take someone's lunch money.

I peed myself a little.

"The 44th anniversary of the Beatles' first concert in New York City?" I asked.

"No, you fool!" Watt howled. "This Friday is the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games in Vancouver. For the next two weeks, the whole world will have its eyes on Canada."

Galea and I exchanged puzzled glances.

"This is the perfect opportunity to give the *Echo* and *Times* the international attention they deserve," she said. "Then the whole world will know my brilliance."

Galea and I looked again at each other, still puzzled.

I peed a little more.

"You two will go to the Olympics and compete and you will win," she said. "Then, when you're on the podium, you can proclaim to the world that I am its greatest editor."

I tried my best to explain that people had to qualify to compete in the Olympics and that all the Olympic teams had long been established and that Olympic athletes were generally, you know, athletes, who had trained their whole lives to excel at their respective sports.

"You just have to believe," Watt said, pulling out a homemade Olympic torch she had constructed from scraps of white cardboard and plywood. "Do you believe?"

Then she lit the thing on fire.

"Uh . . . yeah . . . I believe," I responded, disturbed at how quickly the flames were eating their way down the makeshift torch and towards Watt's poncho.

"I believe, I believe!" Galea wailed, curling up in a fetal position on the floor.

"You two will practise bobsledding, figure

skating and biathlon," Watt declared, throwing the torch on the floor and stomping out the flames.

"But, I don't swing that way," Galea said.

"Silence," Watt instructed. "Just do as I say."

She would later tell the fire department that the fire in the office had been caused when a ray of sunlight bounced off of Galea's robust forehead and onto the wall.

Since it's difficult to find a bobsled or bobsledding course in Haliburton County, Galea and I worked with what we could get together. His small plastic sled, normally used to tote his ice-fishing equipment, would have to do.

Galea insisted that safety should come first and produced a couple of helmets for us to wear.

Watt made fun of us, saying they looked more like two halves of an inflatable ball that had been cut in two with a knife.

Now that would just be stupid.

Try and try as we did, Galea and I found it incredibly difficult to manoeuvre our way to the bottom of the slope. Perhaps it had something to do with two pudgy men trying to ride in a vessel designed for small children.

Perhaps it had something to do with Watt hurling rotten fruit at us the whole time.

Who knows.

Our attempt at pairs figure skating went a little better, since Galea had apparently become jacked up on a bodybuilding supplement he'd ordered from a television infomercial and was now addicted to.

Yes, he launched me into the air with no problem. My landing, however, was not as well executed and I ended up breaking through the ice of Head Lake, with Galea having to retrieve me from the icy water, search-and-rescue style.

Bruised, wet and on the verge of hypothermia, we headed to the park to try our hand at biathlon.

"Really, I don't swing that way," Galea told Watt again.

Our lack of Nordic skis or guns seemed to be a serious obstacle in even attempting biathlon, but Watt presented me with a dart gun, taped a bull's eye to Galea chest and told me to take my best shot.

I told her I didn't think this activity even remotely resembled Olympic biathlon, but she insisted perhaps it would become a new variation of the sport that would catch on in succeeding years.

While Watt videotaped our escapades and sent them to the International Olympic Commission, none of its members responded to our last-minute entry attempt.

However, Watt insists that we keep training to get up to snuff by the time the 2014 winter games arrive.

It's going to be a long four years.



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## BASKETBALL

# Kawartha's 'Sweet 16' packs sour wallop

**TERRANCE GAVAN**

Staff reporter

Hal High hoops coaches Roland Zilla and Paul Longo worked all year to a goal.

Play against all division opponents, including some prepossessing and talent-laden AAA ball clubs like I.E. Weldon and Fenelon Falls; suffer through the humbling and de rigueur lickings; and then move into the Kawartha post-season against the other AA schools in the 21 team Kawartha hoops league.

That happens in football, volleyball and ice hockey. That happens in COSSA and OFSAA.

Not so for both Red Hawk basketball teams this season however. The Kawartha basketball league stumbled upon a brilliant idea earlier this year to adopt a Sweet 16 playoff format.

So, for the first time in league history, and beginning this Thursday, 16 of the top AA and AAA schools in the Kawartha basketball league will be involved in a single knockout tournament.

Trouble is, Longo, Zilla and assistant senior head coach Walter Tose, all say they weren't made aware of the playoff format change until midway through the exam break about 10 days ago.

Junior coach Longo says that when several of this area's AA schools and coaches called the league for clarification, they were told that all schools had been

apprised of the Sweet 16 format change during meetings held earlier this year.

Both Longo and Zilla say that if teams were informed, they didn't get the letter, or the email, or a phone call of any kind.

"It's obviously coming from the Peterborough area," says Longo after his juniors played their final game of the regular season against I.E. Weldon AAA last Thursday afternoon.

They lost 61-19, an indication of the huge discrepancy between large AAA schools and smaller AA rural schools.

"Apparently the vote did happen, and the results were known, but there was a breakdown in communication and we didn't get the results of the vote on the Sweet 16 format," says Longo.

He adds that they are not the only school to be presented on short notice with this unprecedented AA and AAA meshed playoff format. Some other schools and many parents of Hal High players are mad as heck about the situation.

"So, we've gone the whole season expecting that no results from the meetings [discussing a format change for basketball Kawarthas] meant that it didn't go, and that we would be playing only AA teams in the playoffs," says Longo. "Even our convenor didn't know anything about it and we found out about seven or eight days ago that we were all going into the same pool with AAA teams."

Longo says that according to the seeding format this season at least, his team may have lucked out in the draw. His Hawks, unlike a number of AA schools, will not be facing a AAA high school in the first round.

"We start on Thursday and it looks like we're going to be playing Cobourg West," says Longo. "Believe it or not, the way they've set it up, we may not face a AAA club until the final four."

Unfortunately Zilla's seniors are not quite as lucky. They have drawn AA PCVI from Peterborough in the first game of the senior tourney. "But if we're lucky enough to win that one, we come up against I.E. Weldon in the Elite Eight," chuckled Zilla, noting that his team lost by 46-25 to the AAA Lindsay basketball powerhouse last Thursday afternoon.

Zilla says that Weldon drew tiny Campbellford, one of the lower AA seeds, in the first game of the tournament slated for next Thursday. Zilla says he wouldn't be surprised if Campbellford lost that game by 70 points. He says that's not a pleasant way to end any season.

"So we are in a pool of 16 AA and AAA teams in a single knockout Sweet 16 tourney," says Zilla. "Our philosophy here is you keep the AA and the AAA separate and you have playoffs in your own division."

"OFSAA rules stipulate that there are four divisions and that you play against schools within your own size and that's what we believe is right."

Zilla says that he has sent an email to the league of-

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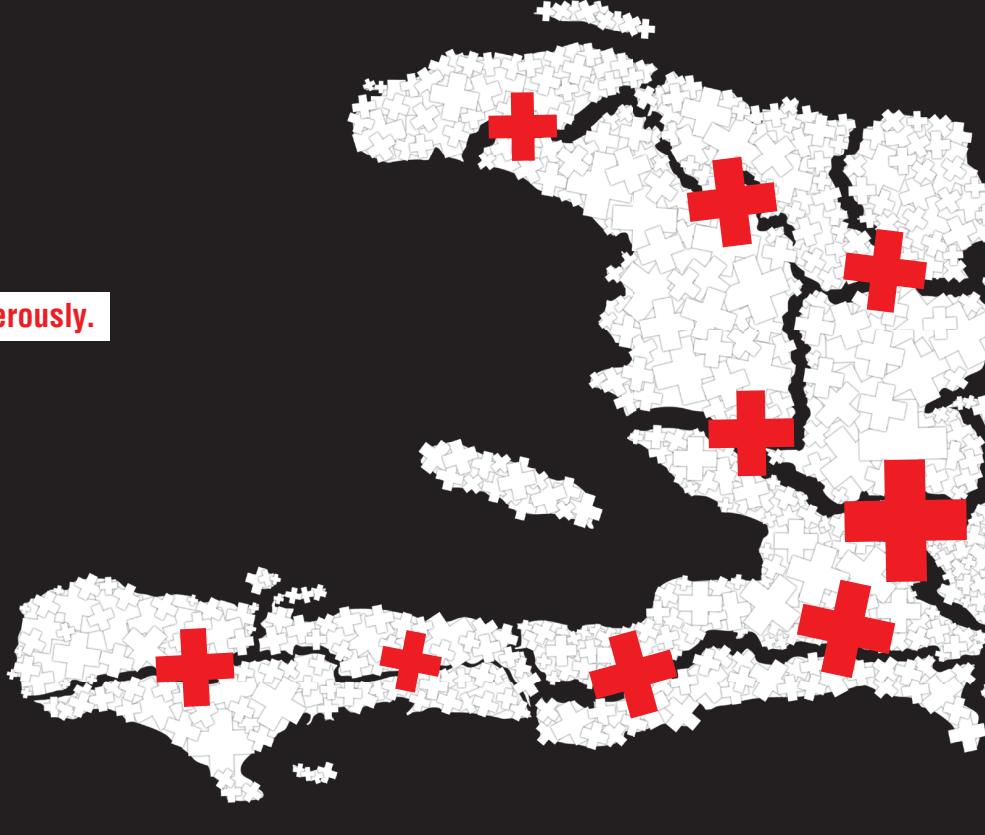
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# Kawartha basketball playoff change has coaches befuddled

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ficers but has thus far received no reply. Last Friday, Zilla was hosting his own exhibition tourney at Hal High and had resigned himself to the situation.

But that doesn't mean he's happy.

"We don't really understand why and we still believe that the better system is to keep AA and AAA separate," says Zilla, who is also concerned about ramifications in other high school athletics.

"This could have precedent for other sports and they might say that if this works for basketball they may do it for other sports, like football and hockey."

Zilla says he has run out of patience with the situation and has left the issue in the capable hands of his assistant coach Walter Tose, who he says has written numerous emails citing various other options to the league honchos.

He says that Tose has exhausted all avenues with Kawartha and has appealed to COSSA.

"It's an unfair imposition upon the smaller schools," says Zilla.

"We're in the business of promoting the sport in this school and they're [AAA

schools in Peterborough] at another level, where they're playing with the elite schools and they're trying to figure out different angles at the elite level which contains maybe five or six schools."

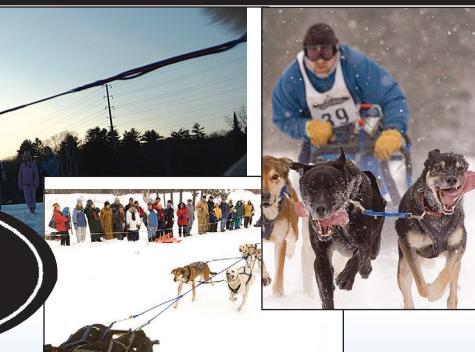
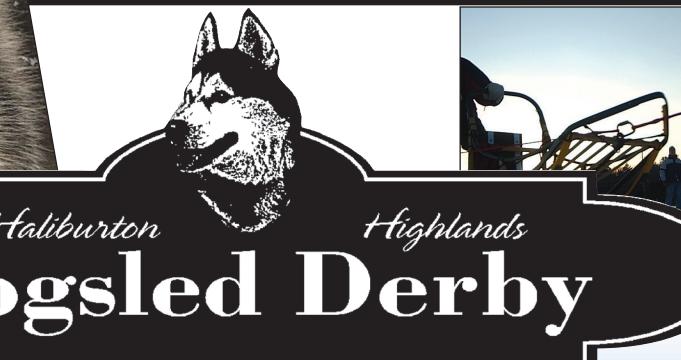
"But there's 21 schools in the Kawartha league and the other 15 of us we just want to play ball and have fun," he says.

There was talk about certain schools just not showing up for their games against AAA powerhouses in the first round of the Sweet 16, but Zilla says that it was not a viable option, because the Kawartha executive has stipulated that it will take punitive action in 2010-11 against schools who refuse to travel and play a game.

"We can go with a protest and attach it to the game sheet and tell the league that we are playing the game under protest," says Zilla.

Both Zilla and Longo say they have no idea how the league will determine which AA schools will move forward to represent Kawartha in the AA COSSA tourney.

"I don't know the answer," says Zilla. Stay tuned.



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behind the Minden Community Centre  
Dead Poet's Society - Dominion Hotel  
7:30pm—An Evening of Unrequited Love

**Sunday February 14th:**  
Snowball Tournament - Minden Ball Diamond 8am  
To register call Craig Smith 286-3013  
Curling Fun Day - Curling Club 9am-4pm  
9 - 10 free clinic for new people or those that need a stretch.  
Games start at 10:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.  
Sign up a whole team or Sign up as a single  
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Ice Racing—Minden Fairgrounds—starts at noon  
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Outdoor Skating—all weekend on the rink behind the Minden Community Centre  
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Figure Skating Recital  
"Dawson's Game" Fire Department vs. OPP Hockey Game - Minden Arena 7pm 50/50 Draw,  
Chuck-a-Puck

**Monday February 15th:**  
Pancake Breakfast - 8am-11am—  
Minden Community Centre  
Family Skate - 11am-1pm Minden Arena  
Outdoor Skating—all weekend on the rink behind the  
Minden Community Centre  
Family Outdoor Activities—Minden Community Centre

**Winterfest  
Minden  
February 13 - 15**

## Sunday February 14th

7:30 am..... Late Registration  
8:00 am..... Drivers Meeting  
9:00 am..... 1 dog Ski-joring  
10:15 am..... 4 Dog Race  
11:45 am..... Youth Race  
12:30..... Kidd & Mutt  
1 pm..... 6 Dog Race  
2:30 pm..... 2 Dog Skijoring  
3:45 pm..... 8 Dog Race

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2:45..... 8 Dog Race  
4 pm..... Presentations



## HUMANITARIANISM

# Pump Shop brings water relief to Haiti

Five locals are off to Haiti to help with the water crisis in partnership with Water Ambassadors of Canada, a not-for-profit organization committed to providing clean, safe drinking water to people in developing countries.

Wade Woodward, owner of the Pump Shop, has been approached by the organization to head up a team from Haliburton. The team will consist of Wade, his son Jesse, John Beachli, Alan Gordon and Clay Glecoff.

The organization is partnering with EDGE Outreach in Haiti to bring safe drinking water to earthquake victims based mainly in Leogane and Port-au-Prince, the area hit hardest by the earthquake. The Haliburton team will be responsible for doing as many well repairs as possible during their 10-day stay.

Along with doing repairs on wells

damaged by the earthquake, the team will also be repairing wells that were not functioning prior to the disaster.

Wade and his younger son, Jacob, were in Haiti prior to the earthquake with Water Ambassadors of Canada, doing well repairs in December, 2009.

The need for well repairs, although significant then, has since worsened following the devastating disaster that hit the county last month.

To send a team to Haiti, it costs approximately \$20,000. The Haliburton team is looking for donations to cover some of these costs and would greatly appreciate a gift of any size. Anyone wishing to donate can do so at The Pump Shop. All donations will be recognized with an official tax receipt from the Water Ambassadors of Canada.

Submitted by the Pump Shop

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Wade Woodward and son Jesse along with three other individuals from Haliburton will be heading off to Haiti to help bring water relief to those affected by the devastating earthquake. /Photo by Angelica Blenich

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# Frost Festival

## Schedule of Events

### Saturday, February 13th, 2010

#### Pancake Breakfast (\$)

8am – noon

Start your day off with a warm breakfast! The Haliburton Lions Club will prepare this delicious breakfast and get you ready for the fun ahead. \$5 per person includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, tea, coffee and real maple syrup supplied by Waverly Brook Farms.

This event is sponsored by the Haliburton Lions Club.

Location: Haliburton Legion Branch 129

#### Skating

9 am - 2 pm

Location: Head Lake Park

#### Kids Ice Slide

10 am – 4 pm

This event is sponsored by the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Location: Head Lake Park

#### Snack Car (\$)

10 am – 4 pm

Stop by to fill up on hot drinks and beaver tails to keep you warm throughout the day!

This event is sponsored by the Dysart et al Volunteer Firefighters

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: [www.railsendgallery.com](http://www.railsendgallery.com)

#### Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt

10 am – 2 pm

Designed as a family event over a short route (under 50km) with lots of treasure to collect and questions to answer! Along the way you will be required to find treasure or answer questions. The person with all the treasure and all the answers correct will be the winner! Please bring a shopping bag and a pencil with you. Meet at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) parking lot at 10am for registration. Stop by the HCSA Repair Facility for a free BBQ after the hunt, 131 Mallard Road to give you a chance to meet members. You must have a valid OFSC trail pass to participate.

This event is sponsored by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

Location: Start at the HHSS parking lot

Website: [www.hcsa.on.ca](http://www.hcsa.on.ca)

#### Art Attack with Fleming College

10 am – noon

Fun outdoor art activities for kids!

Presented by Fleming College.

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: [www.HaliburtonSchoolOfTheArts.ca](http://www.HaliburtonSchoolOfTheArts.ca)

#### Pony Rides

11 am – 2 pm

Bring the kids for a special pony ride on York Street, just in front of Head Lake Park. Part of the street will be closed to traffic for the Frost Festival.

This event is sponsored by South Algonquin Trails and the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Location: York Street

Website: [www.southalgonquintrails.com](http://www.southalgonquintrails.com)

#### Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

12 pm – 3 pm

Enjoy a leisurely ride along the lake on a horse-drawn sleigh!

This event is sponsored by the Haliburton BIA.

Location: pick up in Head Lake Park

#### Art Attack with Rails End Gallery

1 pm – 3 pm

Pinhole Camera Photography workshop presented by the Rails End Gallery.

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: [www.railsendgallery.com](http://www.railsendgallery.com)

#### Snowshoe Relay Race & Games

1 pm – 3 pm

Kids will want to join in the fun with snowshoe relay races and other games provided by YMCA Camp Wanakita - the experts in outdoor fun!

This event is sponsored by the YMCA Camp Wanakita.

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: [www.ymcahb.on.ca/locations\\_wanakita.cfm](http://www.ymcahb.on.ca/locations_wanakita.cfm)

#### Children's Dog Sled Rides

1 pm – 4 pm

Winterdance Dogsled Tours will be bringing two teams of purebred Siberian Huskies to give children short dogsled rides around the playground in Head Lake Park. Be sure to bring your camera to get pictures of your little ones with the huggable friendly Huskies! To read about Winterdance's Huskies visit their website and click on "Meet the Huskies!"

This event is sponsored by Winterdance Dog Sled Tours.

Location: Head Lake Park

Website: [www.winterdance.com](http://www.winterdance.com)

#### Roast Beef Dinner (\$)

5 pm – 7 pm, Doors open at 4 pm

The Royal Canadian Legion is hosting a Roast Beef dinner. Dinner is served between 5 and 7, but come early and browse the silent auction items on display. Tickets are \$15 and available for advance purchase at the Legion club room or call 705-457-2571.

Location: Haliburton Legion

#### Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby

Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm; Sunday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

The races will take place at the Pinestone Resort, located 5 minutes south of the village of Haliburton on County Road #21 (formerly #121). Races will be going on all day Saturday and Sunday with teams going out at 2 minute intervals, so you don't need to worry about missing them! We anticipate having over 70 teams from across Ontario, Quebec and the Northern United States.

NOTE: Please leave pet dogs at home as they can distract the racing teams.

Hank Debruin from Winterdance will be on his way to Alaska to enter the Iditarod! See race website (below) for updates!

Location: Pinestone Resort Haliburton

Website: [www.winterdance.com/race](http://www.winterdance.com/race)



#### Schedule of Events

- 8 – 12 Lions Club Pancake Breakfast (at the Legion) – \$5.00/person
- 9 – 2 Municipality Public Skating
- 10 – 4 Municipality Ice Slide
- 10 – 4 Dysart Volunteer Firefighters Snack Shack Beaver Tails & Hot Drink Combo – \$4.00/person
- 10 – 2 HCSA Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt Starts At High School
- 10 – 12 Fleming College Art Attack
- 11 – 2 Rotary's Pony Rides
- 11 – 3 BIA Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride
- 12 – 3 Bridge Youth Group Winter Games
- 1 – 3 Rails End Art Attack (Pinhole Camera Photography)
- 1 – 3 Camp Wanakita Snowshoe Games
- 1 – 3 Winterdance Dogsled Rides
- 2 – 3 Haliburton Figure Skating Club Figure Skating (Demonstration)
- 3 – 4 The Echo Power Skating Workshop (Participants must supply skates & helmet)
- 5 – 7 Legion Roast Beef Dinner – \$15.00/person

[www.Frostfest.ca](http://www.Frostfest.ca)

Events are at Head Lake if not indicated.



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ambassador

## DYSART COUNCIL

# Local questions vacation timing

**TERRANCE GAVAN**

Staff reporter

The following is a list of briefs compiled from the Dysart et al council meeting held Feb. 2.

The scheduled 10 a.m. start to the meeting of Dysart council was held up last Monday while staff waited for quorum, a problem that occurs every now and then when snowbound roads extend travel times for incoming councillors.

The subsequent 15-minute lull brought an exchange between Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey and Walt McKechnie, the lone resident in attendance.

McKechnie asked the reeve about the importance of the five-year review and if he thought that all council members should be involved and present for all facets of the review process. Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, whom McKechnie ran against in the last municipal election, is on vacation.

"This is a pretty important issue [the official plan review]," Fearrey said, but explained that councillors were all entitled to vacation time. Fearrey also said that all of the councillors kept current with five-year plan review through the detailed reports compiled by county planner Pat Martin.

### Tree cutting restrictions proposed in new OP

Dysart council's five-year review stretched into the crucial areas of water resource planning, general land-use policies and commercial use areas at a special morning session of council, convened to deal with the ongoing review of the Dysart official plan.

A change to the plan includes recommendations to implement a tree-cutting bylaw for shoreline areas designed to regulate the cutting of trees and removal of vital shoreline vegetation.

Cutting of shoreline trees would be limited to a maximum of 30 per cent of a shoreline frontage or up to 15 metres, whichever is less for residential use; a maximum of 30 per cent or 30 metres, whichever is less for commercial development; and a maximum of 50 per cent or up to 45 metres, whichever is less for marinas.

The revisions to the plan further stipulate that the municipality may encourage a higher standard of shoreline protection for specific developments.

### Huge 105-lot subdivision gets municipal approval – must now pass county muster

A petition on behalf of Greif Bros. Canada Inc. to subdivide their holdings into 105 waterfront residential lots was given the green light by Dysart council.

The planning recommendations suggest that the Greif Bros. application conforms to provincial policy. The development has already undergone many applicable planning studies over the past three years.

The development was approved in principle by Dysart, but will now be subject to further review at the county level. There will also be a public meeting.

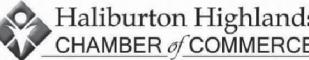
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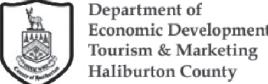
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#### WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES I - Tammy Rea

Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule A. Learn how to use basic photo editing software, retrieve images from your camera, file formats, storage and preparing images for print documents and email. Students are to supply their own images. Limited space. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / [info@haliburtonarts.on.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonarts.on.ca)

#### BUSINESS PLANNING FOR WOMEN - Fay Martin

Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. This workshop will validate the strengths and values that women bring to business by taking a holistic approach to the challenge of meeting financial goals while accommodating life circumstances.

#### SWITCH - The Sustainable Energy People

Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$10. + GST. How your rooftop can make you money: the new green energy act and your business.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING - Kim McBrien

Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 - 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule A. Learn how to use social media tools efficiently and effectively to promote you and your business online and to expand your marketplace. Includes specific information for artists of all media and tourism tools.

#### MANAGING VOLUNTEERS - Fay Martin

Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. This workshop will focus on clear communication as the basis of good volunteer relationships. It will look at recruiting volunteers, job descriptions, interviews and feedback. It will also look at strategies for transitioning into paid work.

#### PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR WORK - Laurie Carmount

Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm - Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. Fee: Schedule B. 98% of people who buy art, do so because they've seen a photo of it first. Learn how to take photographs that represent you and your work at its best. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / [info@haliburtonarts.on.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonarts.on.ca)

#### ARTIST'S TOOLKIT - Laurie Carmount

Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm - Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. Fee: Schedule B. How to make strong presentations to galleries, calls for entries and submissions, artist statement, CV and other tools that every artist should have. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / [info@haliburtonarts.on.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonarts.on.ca)

#### WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES II - Tammy Rea

Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule A. This workshop will cover putting digital images into Powerpoint and web applications, using software for photo editing and more. Limited space. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / [info@haliburtonarts.on.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonarts.on.ca)

#### MANAGING STAFF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES - Fay Martin

Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. Focusing on clear communication as the basis of good work relationships, this workshop will look at job descriptions, interviews, performance evaluations and feedback as a way of identifying and correcting employment problems.

#### QUICK BOOKS: AN OVERVIEW - Robert Hall, CMA

Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. A 3 hour overview of this popular accounting software program.

#### SHAMELESS PROMOTIONS - Michael Fletcher

Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. More than 50 ways to promote your business! This lecture is for anyone who owns a business and wants to think "outside the box", you'll be saying "WOW ...why didn't I think of that!".

#### BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS PLAN - Lauren Forbes

Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. A hands-on workshop taking you through the steps of building a strong business plan.

#### PRICING FOR PROFITABILITY - Lauren Forbes

Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 9:00am to 1:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. How to best price your products and artwork for maximum profitability.

#### SELLING YOUR WORK WITHOUT SELLING YOUR SOUL - Kim McBrien

Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. Techniques and strategies for effective sales. Focus on the retail environment, trade shows, art fairs and galleries. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / [info@haliburtonarts.on.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonarts.on.ca)

#### MARKETING DYNAMICS - Mike Jaycock

Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. A "roll up your sleeves" seminar to provide you with a planning process that will work for your business communications. Bring along your "burning" communication issues for discussion.

#### THINK ABOUT THINKING: AN INTRO. TO IMPROVED DECISION MAKING - Doug Carey

Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. Using techniques defined by Dr. Edward de Bono, learn a process for effective thinking and tools to help you make better decisions and focus your efforts.

#### MANAGING STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE - Dr. Jack Russel

Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 10:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. Managing personal stress will improve workplace performance. This workshop will focus on learning how to manage stress and develop strategies to overcome it.

#### OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION - Dr. Jack Russel

Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 10:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. Identifying procrastination behaviors and developing strategies to implement better time management skills.

# Johnson not worried by Scott announcement

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tion resulted in residents sending Liberal Rick Johnson to Queen's Park.

Scott believes she can overcome the voter backlash should she be selected as candidate for the PC party.

"I think people that knew me know of my long roots in the riding. I certainly loved the job when I was MPP. I understand some were disappointed by my decision last year. They have expressed their views and I apologize to them. I was trying to do what I thought was the right thing for the riding and the province. It was an opportunity to potentially get a premier in the riding, which would have helped all of us," she said.

In a prepared statement issued Feb. 4, Scott, who has been working for the party as the elections readiness chair, said, "I am honoured and touched by the encouragement of so many wonderful people from across this riding who

have asked me to run again.

"The value of public service is something that I truly believe in. It is for that reason that I am asking the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock to give me the opportunity to continue to serve them."

Scott filed her papers with the PC Party of Ontario on Jan. 25. She already has a nomination team in place and has been selling memberships. The local PC association nomination date has not been officially set.

Told of Scott's announcement, Liberal MPP Rick Johnson said "it's interesting" but said that he would not be looking over his shoulder as he reaffirmed that he will seek the Liberal nomination for 2011.

"I'm not going to concentrate on re-election until next year. In the meantime, there's important work to be done," Johnson said.

*Lindsay Post*



## Promise fulfilled

The Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services Foundation (HHHSF) celebrates a successful fall and winter of fundraising, which garnered \$100,000 dedicated to the installation of stationary lifts in Hyland Crest and Highland Wood long-term-care facilities. From left to right are: HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush, foundation campaign co-chair Don Popple, foundation executive director Dale Walker and foundation board chair Peter Oyler.

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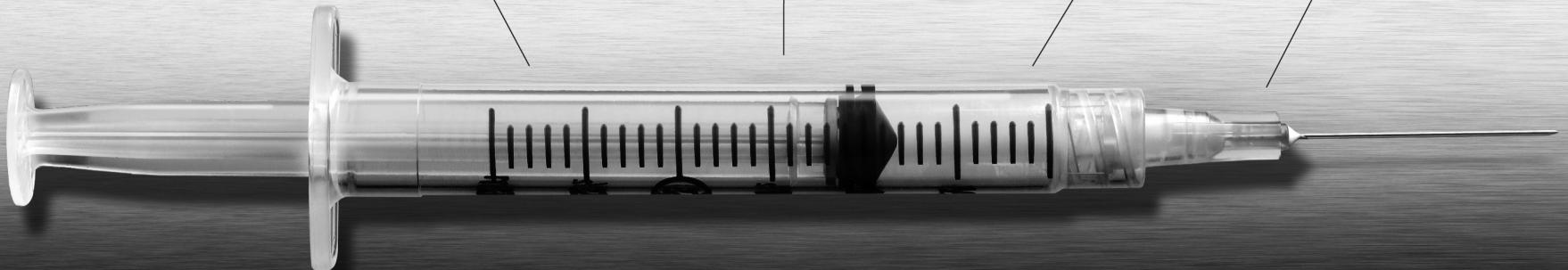
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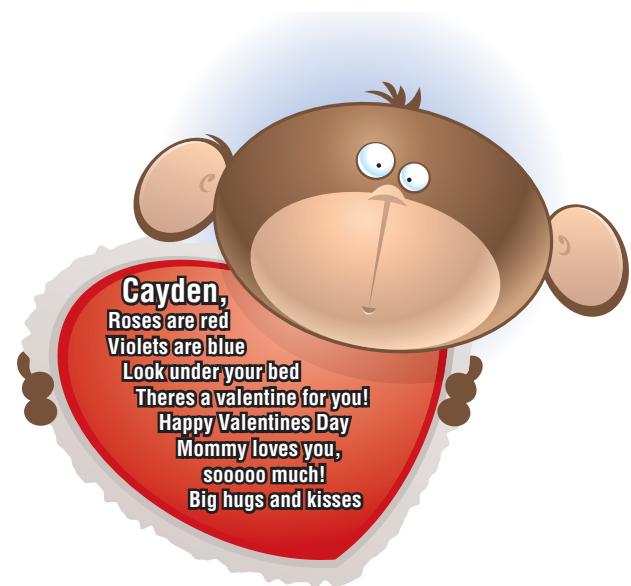
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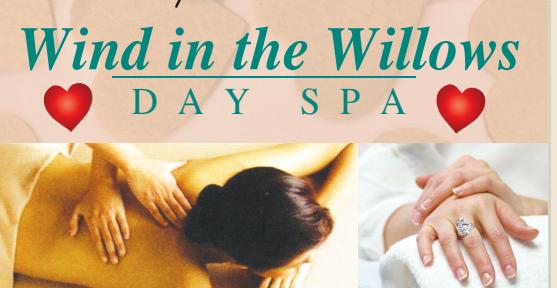
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also find some time to indulge in some Hal High hockey scrimmages.

And then, he'll be hittin' the road with the Hawks for a game versus I.E. Weldon in Lindsay on March 17.

Hal High principal Gary Brohman, who coaches the Hawks along with head knock Ron Yake, says that the players are all very excited about skating with Matt, who will be arriving here in Haliburton on Feb. 15 and staying until Feb. 23. Matt's mother Chris, a guidance counsellor at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, confirms that Matt will be here for nine days and she just chuckles about how excited Matt is to be returning home. "He's going to skate with the team on the Tuesday [Feb. 16]," says Chris. "And then he'll be travelling with the team to Lindsay ... he's really looking forward to it." Brohman said that he and Yake were equally pumped about

having Matt back in the fold. "He's coming to Lindsay, and we discussed things, and we decided that we might even let him open and close the gate during line changes," quipped Brohman.

Chris says that Matt will also be conducting some meet-and-greets and autograph sessions with local minor hockey associations during his nine-day stay. Dean Chaulk, the head of minor hockey here in Haliburton says that Duchene has already booked three separate autograph sessions with minor hockey teams in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce.

On Tuesday evening (Feb. 16) Matt will be at the Dysart arena from 6 to 8 p.m. On Thursday evening he'll make an appearance at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 21 he'll be available at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

At all of those meet and greet venues,

Chaulk says that Matt will be available for photos, autographs and sweater signings. One thing both Vince Duchene and Chaulk wanted to impress upon the general public was that all these events would be available free of charge. Glen Sharpley, owner of Source for Sports, told Chaulk that he will have sweaters, hats and memorabilia available at the events.

The events are all free of charge, says Chaulk, but they come with a poignant proviso: there will be a donation jar available, and visitors will be able to give whatever they can to the Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto in memory of young Dawson Hamilton, who lost his battle with chronic myeloid leukemia on Jan. 10, just 13 days before his 10th birthday.

A percentage of Source for Sports sales will also be directed to the Sick Kids Hospital, a place where Dawson was able to find considerable and achingly kind respite from the many storms that dominated his life from the age of five.

Matt was in attendance at Dawson's funeral and he was also there for young Dawson during numerous fundraisers and sporting events. Many times Dawson was in attendance to watch Matt when he toiled splendidly with the OHL's Brampton Battalion.

Dawson was also there for Matt's professional debut in Toronto when the Avs went up against the Leafs back in November.

His death hit Matt like a hammer. So Chaulk says that Matt stressed to his dad that it's very important that people know that there will be a special spot at

the autograph venues to give to Toronto Sick Kids.

So, come out and see Matt, but bring your hearts – and your wallet – to the sessions. Remember Dawson, and especially all those other young kids and survivors still waiting for that cure.

In a recent "from the mailbag section" of the Avs website, Matt says: "I'm going to head home and spend some time in my hometown. I think I'm going to practice with our high school team there and maybe go on a road game or two with them and possibly coach them on the bench."

Yake says that his team is excited about the prospect of being on the ice with the young phenom.

"Yeah, he's coming back and one of the first things he said to his dad was that he wanted to get out with the high school guys and go for a practice," says Yake. "And he's also going to go on the road trip ... he wants to jump on that school bus again." Yake says that none of this current crop of players were with the Hawks when Matt played three years ago.

"There's a few guys on the team that know Matt personally," says Yake. "Of course they all know of him, but when Matt played, none of these guys were on the team. But I know they're excited about playing with him, and having an opportunity to be involved, seeing him, and talking to him about his experiences and successes."

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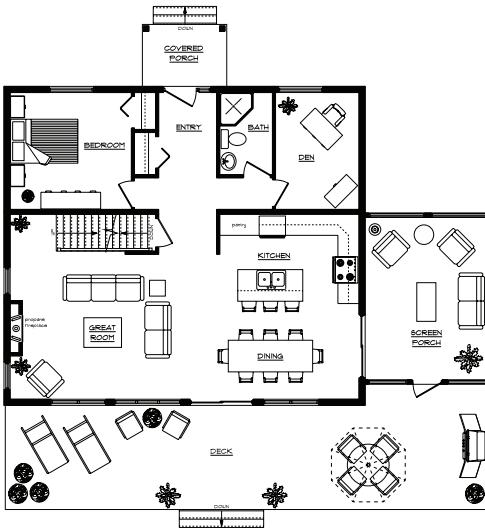
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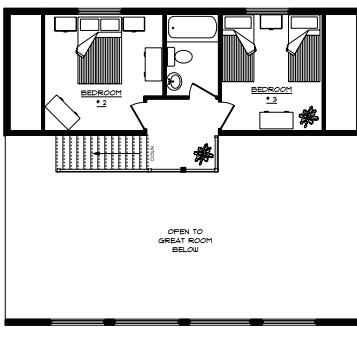


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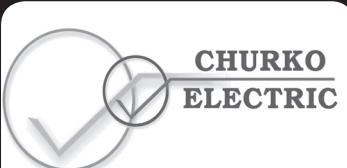


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# Psychic mystifies intrepid reporter with insights

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

A popular Toronto-based psychic will be holding court, reading tarot cards, palms and tea leaves at the Heritage House Café in Haliburton for an extended four-day run from Feb. 11-14.

Madame Psychic Gigi (née Gigi Wilson) has been in the fortune-telling business for 45 years and she's the real deal – meaning that she is totally immersed and invested in her craft.

Now when a reporter is asked to do an objective piece on a widely speculative subject he better come clean from the outset, lest his Icelandic roots and intrinsic belief in forest faeries rise like some shimmering specter from his unencumbered psyche.

So I must then admit to a shaky, blatant bias in the matter of Madame Psychic Gigi, acquired in the course of my interview with her last Thursday. In the sudden, small space of my phone conversation with Gigi I was ushered quite unexpectedly into the realm of the true believer when, mid-sentence, Gigi stopped and said, "way down Bank Street."

The statement came from out of the blue, and I was immediately stunned to a stutter. I stopped and asked, "How did you know?"

Bank Street in this case refers to a very long thoroughfare in Ottawa. I was born in Nepean, but for seven years while attending university, I worked at the Brewers Retail (now Beer Store) located "way down Bank Street."

Madame Gigi was not surprised at all and took my non-plussed stammer in stride. "Oh, I don't know," laughs Gigi. "While you were talking, I could see Bank Street, although I don't remember it that well ... I lived in Ottawa long ago."

They say confession is good for the soul, and in this case, my desultory disclosure is offered as explanation for what some may consider a rampant slide into subjective journalism.

Kudos to Madame Gigi who simply accepted the inexplicable Bank Street revelation with what I assumed was a pleasantly dismissive wave of her palm.

"Sometimes I see these things, but don't tell me any more about yourself, because I want to give you a reading when I get there," smiles Gigi.

She adds that she loves coming to

small town venues, something that she's been doing ever since she first started reading at the age of 12. She says she realized that she had a gift when she was nine, but explains that her mother knew there was something special about Gigi right from birth.

"I'm the youngest of seven daughters and I was born with a veil [known as a caul] upon my face," says Gigi. "It's like a spider web or a nylon stocking on the face of a newborn. It was handed to me by my mother when I turned 21. She kept it all that time, because it's a very special thing. When I opened it, it was just like dust in a cloth."

There is much folklore associated with caul births. In certain societies being born with a caul was seen as a good omen, a sign of luck and greatness, the mark of kings.

And while Gigi won't attribute all of her abilities to a one-in-a-million veil, she also cannot discount as coincidence her subsequent realization that, at age nine, she was imbued with psychic talents.

Asked what she expects to encounter during her four days in Haliburton, Gigi said, "I would usually see people who have also been to other psychics, and I would expect people coming for tarot

card readings, psychic readings, palms, tea cup and crystal ball.

"For people who have never had it done before, first timers, they will get a lot of information. I tell past, present and future; I speak about love, business, and I give people a basic future forecaster of about two years."

And what about the skeptics?

"Skeptics are a great challenge," smiles Madame Gigi. "They're great, because I usually make a believer out of them by the end of the reading."

And for the people out there who may want to tread lightly on the wild psychic side, but are afraid of what might be revealed, Madame Gigi says there's no cause for alarm.

"I always ask before I start, 'do you want to know the good as well as the bad?'" says Gigi.

And one other thing to keep in mind.

Madame Gigi lost one of her seven sisters to cancer not so long ago, and she donates 10 per cent of all her earnings to cancer research.

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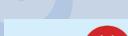
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# Red Hawk hoopsters fall to Wildcats

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The Polish cavalry taught us all a very valuable lesson in 1939.

Sometimes you run into a juggernaut, and when you do, it invariably ends badly.

Both Hal High Red Hawk basketball teams may find room for empathy with the valiant Polish cavalry after suffering a pair of humbling losses to an impres-

sive double-edged blitzkrieg known as the I.E. Weldon Wildcats.

Last Thursday afternoon at the Hawks' Nest, the junior Weldon Wildcats, downed the Hawks 61-19. In the senior contest, coach Roland Zilla's Hawks dropped their final game of the regular season 46-25.

The junior Hawks were dismantled by the free-flowing and charismatic presence of one Adam Strickland who led all scorers with 19 points – equaling the entire output of the Hal High team. Strickland was aided and abetted by Sean Winter who contributed 16 points for Weldon.

Andrew Murray and Damon Flatman topped the Hal High charts with six points each in the loss.

Junior coach Paul Longo was understandably subdued after the game.

"We haven't had a practice because of exams so we haven't seen the floor in 10 days; we're playing the best team in the league; it showed and we were bad," says Longo. "We gave a bit better effort in the second half, but still, we didn't play well at all."

Not a great way to end the season, and things got even worse last week for Longo and his Hawks as a league directive has thrown the whole Kawartha playoff picture into disarray.

Longo says that a Kawartha basketball league ruling made earlier in the year, but not properly conveyed to several schools in this area of the Kawarthas, has muddied the Kawartha playoff waters considerably.

The Kawartha playoffs begin next Thursday, but unlike previous years the format is going to include a full-blown 16-team single knockout tournament.

The 16-team tourney will intertwine AA schools like Haliburton and AAA juggernauts like I.E. Weldon in an all-encompassing Kawartha Sweet-16 tournament.

Both Longo and senior Red Hawk coach Zilla, along with several other Kawartha schools, only became aware of the format change ten days ago.

Longo says that the junior Hawks will probably be opening their schedule versus AA Cobourg West this Thursday.



Hawks junior forward Damon Flatman drives baseline. Photos: Terrance Gavan

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# Hoop Hawks heading to Kawartha sweet 16 tournament - unhappily

from page 26

Longo says that AA teams will advance from the tournament to separate COSSA play downs, which will encompass a firm split of the divisions into AA and AAA.

However, what is still up for grabs is how losing AA teams in this hodgepodge tourney are going to be considered for advancement to the COSSA play downs.

Longo says he still wasn't sure how losing AA teams are going to be selected for COSSA.

"I'm not quite sure about that just yet," says Longo, who added that for now he'll just be hoping for a win against Cobourg West next Thursday.

Coach Zilla is equally dismayed with the Sweet 16 set up, which will find his squad probably playing a AA opponent next Thursday.

Unfortunately, says Zilla, if the Hawks win next Thursday in the first round of the Kawartha Sweet 16, they are slated to play the same I.E. Weldon club that beat them so handily last Thursday.

He added that he was happy with his team's showing against the Wildcats, adding that it's tough playing against a team of guys who have been playing together since grade school in various Lindsay recreational leagues.

"They hit 30 points on threes from outside and that's the secret if you want to beat our zone; you hit the outside shots and that's what they did against us today," says Zilla.

Luke Shauf, who was the game's leading scorer with 20 points, hit 18 of those points on three pointers, a pinpoint onslaught that deconstructed the Hawks hustling 1-2-2 zone.

Luke Watson scored 14 to lead the Hawk scoring. Adam Van Nood had four points and J.J. Kerr added three in the loss.

Zilla, who, like Longo, must now try to figure out how his squad is going to advance to COSSA, says no matter what happens in the Sweet 16, he's very proud of his team.

"The amount of improvement that this team has made in the last two years is just incredible," says Zilla. "This team in junior [I.E. Weldon] beat us by 50 points, so we've made some huge improvements and it's hard to convey that and keep the morale up in the dressing room."

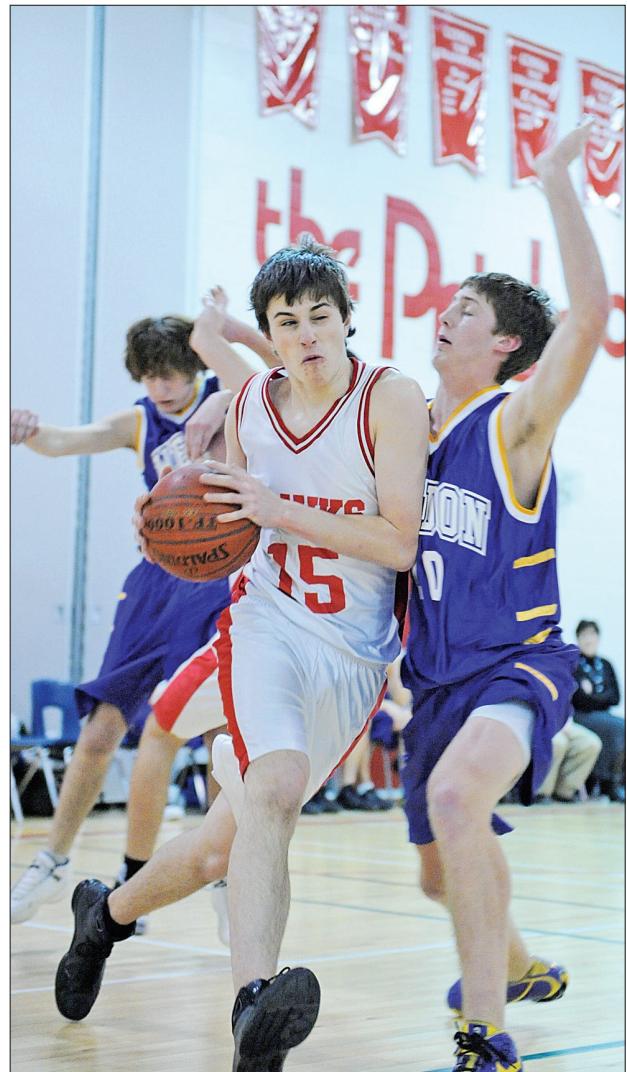
He says that right now, it looks like they will be matched up against Peterborough Collegiate Vocational Institute on Thursday.

"PCVS is a AA school, but the issue is that even if we advance past them, we play Weldon, so we'll lose to a AAA club in the playoffs," says Zilla, who says that like Longo, he is still unsure how they will seed losing AA schools for the COSSA AA basketball tourney."

"It looks right now that Campbellford will be playing Weldon and I predict that they will get blown out by 70 points, and that's no way for a small AA school to end their season," says Zilla.

Zilla says that several AA Kawartha schools feel the same as Hal High and that Tose is continuing to bombard the Kawartha basketball executive with emails begging for a chance to appeal and go back to a AAA and AA format for playoffs.

(See an accompanying article on the Sweet 16 controversy on page 12.)



Hawks Senior forward Adam Van Nood shields the ball as he drives toward the basket past two defenders.

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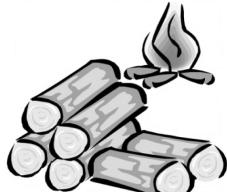


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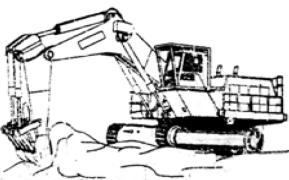


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Today our membership includes both men and women and forms the largest service group in the province of Ontario. In 2009, Ontario Hospital Auxiliary members contributed more than four million volunteer hours and raised more than \$50 million for our health-care facilities. These are incredible figures and reflect a tremendous commitment to health care within our local communities.

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary was founded in March, 1971, by Velma Smith, a nurse at what was then called the Red Cross Hospital. The Haliburton Hospital was a satellite of St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough. It was Ms. Smith's vision, assisted by a team of dedicated workers that got the auxiliary off the ground and on its way to becoming an amazingly steady support to our local hospital. The auxiliary's mandate upon founding was, and still is, "to bring comfort and hope to all who are in distress of mind or body."

In its earliest days, Auxiliary members often made tray favours for hospital patients, purchased toys for the nursery, looked after filing for the doctors, and began the candy striper program. One of the first purchases made by the Haliburton



Haliburton's auxiliary was formed in 1971. Front row from left, Nancy Roberts (RN), Debbie Watson (manager of patient care), Back row from left, Kathi Oke (auxiliary volunteer), Judy Skinner (auxiliary president), Tracey Lear (auxiliary volunteer), Kadi Bone (auxiliary volunteer), Paul Rosebush (HHHS CEO) and Dr. Greg Karaguesian.

ton Auxiliary for the hospital was a hair dryer.

Since its inception, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary has raised and donated more than \$900,000 to the Haliburton Hospital and is closing in on its "Million Dollar Milestone." The Hospital Auxiliary was one of the largest donors to the Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS) machine giving a total of \$85,000 toward the purchase. Recent purchases by the auxiliary have includ-

ed a portable ultra-sound machine, a complete blood count blood analyzer, a glidescope, a portable ventilator, physiotherapy tables, vital signs monitors and numerous medical instruments, used daily by the emergency room physicians, totaling an additional \$100,000.

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's 66 members raise funds through a number of endeavours. One of their ongoing efforts is the hospital shop.

The shop is staffed Monday through Friday afternoons by trained volunteers. Situated near the main front entrance, the Gift Shop volunteers are often the first people to greet a visitor to the hospital and are able to provide directions, information about the hospital or just a warm and friendly greeting.

Other fundraising activities include our annual tag day, the sale of beautiful hand painted Christmas ornaments, quilt raffles, the annual geranium sale and "A Taste of Italy" dinner and silent auction – an always sold out event in October. The annual "no bake" bake sale was held recently and remains a favorite, especially among the male members. The Haliburton Auxiliary is also the recipient of many generous donations and in memoriam gifts.

One of the auxiliary's former members, Ruth Parkes, bequeathed a generous sum of money to the auxiliary upon her death.

She requested that the money be used to provide a room in the hospital in which the Auxiliary could hold its meetings. These funds were used to purchase

chairs, tables and cabinets for the room now aptly named the "Ruth Parkes Room." The balance of Ruth Parkes donation was, of course, used to purchase equipment for the hospital.

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is an amazing group of dedicated individuals.

The auxiliary is extremely successful in raising both awareness and funds for our local hospital. Its success is due to the deep commitment of its members to our community and to health care, and the tremendous support the auxiliary receives from our local businesses and the people of the Haliburton area for all of our fundraising events.

In recent months, Paul Rosebush, president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, emphasized that "the auxiliary's purchases have a remarkable impact on the scope of services provided by our hospital, and help develop the skills of staff that are able to learn new methods and technology to treat patients.

"Without the auxiliary, we would not have some of the tools our doctors need. New doctors will not come to a community where the tools are not there to do their job. The auxiliary, therefore, plays a very important part in the recruitment of health care professionals."

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## Outdoor tournament for bragging rights

A group of friends took the outdoor rink in Gooderham on Feb. 6 for a three-on-three hockey tournament. The tournament was organized by Scott Crichton, a Toronto resident who owns a home in Gooderham.

Most of the participants were Crichton's friends from the Toronto area, though he said he did invite locals to

put in teams.

The tournament's stakes were high.

"It all about camaraderie and bragging rights for tonight," Crichton said.

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Crichton said he hopes to make the tournament an annual event.

Chad Ingram

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This year's top catch went to Scott Carlyle with a 6.4-pound trout he caught on Grace Lake. Carlyle's catch was the only entry from Grace Lake.

Second prize and third prizes went to Darrin Musclow and Dwayne Musclow who were fishing on Farquhar Lake and fourth prize went to Darrin McCormick.

The event is a fundraiser for the Legion.

The Legion will be hosting another derby on March 6.

For more information call the Legion at 448-2221 or Mary Dunne at 448-3512.



Bob Siebarth and Samantha Osborn exercise patience as they wait for bite. Photo by Chad Ingram.

# Fishing derby draws 161

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Staff reporter

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF SALERNO LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREIN AFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 2010**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owner the following described lands:

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DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of February, 2010.

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The next few weekends will see some exciting events taking place in the village.

Hockey fans have a real treat in store – right here in Wilberforce! Matt Duchene of the Colorado Avalanche NHL hockey team will be at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Sunday, Feb. 21 for an autograph/picture session.

Duchene is coming in appreciation for Wilberforce minor hockey support. That afternoon from 3:30 to 5 p.m. he will

autograph whatever items you bring along. So round up your special caps, T-shirts, sticks and sweaters. Donations will be accepted on behalf of Wilberforce minor hockey at this very special event. So mark Feb. 21 on your calendar. Come out and meet Duchene. With natural talent, great drive, skill, constant practice and family support this young man has already achieved much success. Meet Duchene, local hero and fine role model. Come out also to cheer him on. Even rising stars enjoy knowing that they have support in their home areas.

Valentine's Day is celebrated as a time to show love and caring for others. Attending Hearts For Haiti is one way you can share your love for others less fortunate than yourself. This Valentine's event will take place at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. There will be the

presentation of a play and a time of song. A freewill offering will be received for Haitian relief and rebuilding. Following the program you are invited to participate in a potluck supper. St. Valentine would surely have approved of this opportunity for singing, supping and sharing.

For further information call 448-2832.

Organizers are gearing up for the annual Ladies' Valentine Bonspiel at the Wilberforce Club. It's this coming weekend, Friday evening and Saturday

Feb. 12 and 13. Ten teams expected to participate. Always a fun time for the women.

Another reminder for those who enjoy getting out for lunch. Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 11:30 to 1:30 drop by St. Margaret's for pancakes and sausages with syrup and other toppings. Only \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.



Craig Thomas, left, Kim Thomas, Gerri Faggion and Loris Faggion were the A division winners.



Dave Pritchard, Ruth Pritchard, Pat Arbuthnot and Donna Arbuthnot won the C division.



Winners of the D division were John Smillie, Cheryl Smillie, Sue Lenarduzzi and Henry Lenarduzzi.



The local team of Ron Draper, left, Kim Lewis, Bob Johnston and Candy Robinson took the honours in the B division.

## Haliburton hosts Whirlpool bonspeil

Twenty-two teams from throughout Ontario competed in the Whirlpool-Newbatt's Appliance Mixed Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club during the weekend.

Organizer Bob Johnston said many of the teams came

from the Hamilton, Burlington and Brampton areas.

The bonspiel is an annual one that has been held for 20 years. /Photos by Chad Ingram.



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# Coming Events



The Rotary Club of Haliburton  
presents their

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction

Sat., February 27th, 2010

Haliburton Curling Club

Catered by Rhubarb Restaurant

Cocktails/Viewing - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Silent Auction & Raffles

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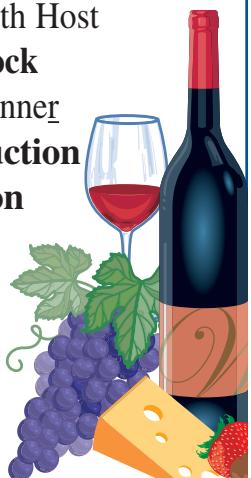
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**WEST GUILFORD**

# Many residents helped with Haiti fundraiser

*community news***west guilford***Eleanor Cooper  
754-2278*

Several more names should be included to acknowledge them as participants in the HELP for Haiti fund raising event. They were Ryan van Lieshout, Wendy Connelly, Linda Robertson, Johnny Burk (who also set up the P.A. system), Jeff Barry, Larry Matson and Don Stiver, all of these were country western music. Then there were Bob Penfold, Hugh Taylor, Bas Bouthoorn, Dan Manley and Beth Johns in the Algonquin Brass. Laurel McCauley accompanied Beth on guitar for Beth's violin pieces. Thanks so much to all.

Niklaus Barry has won prizes for two

posters painted in honour of Remembrance Day. More about this in a later column.

George Cooper was at home in Moncton last week from his present residence and work in Saskatoon. His work with Longyear then took him to Toronto but finally he came here for a day last weekend before the trip back to Saskatchewan.

Euchre from Tuesday night: High score was Myra Marshall and Emile Duchene. Low score was Ginnie Muenzel and Ron Bain. Most lone hands were Kay Morrison and Bill Marshall. Special prize went to Bill Marshall.

**HOCKEY**

# Highland Storm AE dim Newcastle Stars

**KARENA CROFTS***Manager, Highland Storm Atom AE*

What an exciting game! The Highland Storm Atom AEs came out ready to play hockey and show the Newcastle Stars who was in charge. Once again the Storm boys decided to wait until the second period to start scoring with a goal by Ryan Prentice, assisted by Owen Smith and Jack Dobie, followed by a second goal by Alex Wilbee assisted by Greg Crofts.

Not to be left out the Newcastle team managed their one and only goal in the second period too. After the flood the Stars came out still thinking they could pull out a win, but the Storm would have none of that and scored five more unanswered goals. Alex Wilbee scored two

more giving him a hat trick, Greg Crofts one goal and two more assists, the other two goals by Jake Bull and Jack Dobie, other assists going to Devyn Prentice and Jacob Haedicke.

Playing good defensive and forward positions were Carter O'Neill and Trevor Turner. Of course we cannot forget our goalie, Anthony Bertucca. The final score for this game was 7-1.

Good luck to all the other Highland Storm teams as they continue in their series in the OMHA playoffs.

We next play in Newcastle on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. then Sunday, Feb. 14 in Haliburton at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20 6 p.m. Newcastle, Sunday, Feb. 21 2 p.m. Minden and if a sixth game is needed it is back in Newcastle on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

## Coming Events

# community calendar

*What's happening in the County*

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• February 10: Free Separating Spouses Seminar in Lindsay from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Are you dealing with separation or divorce? Learn how to reduce conflict during separation and work together for the sake of children. Learn about the legal and court process and the benefits of using mediation to reach agreements. Pre-registration is required. Free information is always available at the Family Law Information Centre located at the family courts in Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg. Call Four Counties Family Mediation at 705-760-9603 or 1-888-605-1393.

• February 10: The meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will feature Valentines, Love Letters & Love Stories - Bring us your ancestor's literary heart. Maximum 5-minute mini-presentations. Doors of the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre open at 6 pm. (Please enter by the back door.) Presentations 7-9 pm. Everyone welcome – no charge. Refreshments available. For more information contact Gail at 286-2225.

• February 13: Dead Poets Salute Unrequited Love at the Dominion Hotel in Minden from 7:30-9:30 pm – The deads are rising again! The Spiritual Advisor of the dead poets society is looking for lively deads who will select a poem or two to read – guess when? On the eve of St. Valentine's day at the Dominion in romantic downtown Minden. The Deads have been entertaining the elite intellectual class in the County for four years with turns from Poe, Whitman, Donne, Dorothy Parker, just to name a few. Clever Friends: choose a poem on unrequited love and let the Spiritual Advisor know by emailing Michael Fay at [fay.m@sympatico.ca](mailto:fay.m@sympatico.ca). And, if you just want to quaff an ale or a ruby red wine, come-on-down-to-the-Dominion on February 13!

• February 13: Dorset Poker Rally – All proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration is Friday 7:00 -9:00 pm. Registration is Saturday 9:00 - Pledge sheets available on line ([www.tallpines.org](http://www.tallpines.org)) and ([www.lionscampdorset.on.ca](http://www.lionscampdorset.on.ca)). Maximum 300 riders with OFSC Trail Permit, \$50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride. First prize is \$2000 cash. Sponsored by Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. For more information please contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662.

• February 13: Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Scavenger Hunt – Join us at 10 am at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Collect data along a 50 km route. BBQ and Open House to follow at H.C.S.A. Shop, 171 Mallard Road, Haliburton.

• February 14: Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Grand Opening for the new snowmobile bridge – Please

join us at 1 pm in Minden, at Orde St and Peck St., parallel to the bridge on Bobcaygeon Road.

• February 16: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Join us for fresh hot pancakes, yummy syrup, sausages, home made dessert and beverage at the Fenelon Falls United Church, Colborne Street, Fenelon Falls from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Adults \$7, Children 12 and under Free.

• February 16: St. George's Anglican Church 71st Annual Pancake Supper at the Haliburton Legion Hall – Please join us from 5 -7 pm. Cost is \$15 per family, \$5 adults, \$3.50 children 6-12 yrs and under 6 FREE

• February 16 & 17: Wilberforce Loop Troupe Bring Your Talent to a Planning Meeting For A Variety Night – All ages welcome. Please join us at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 7 pm. For more information call Gill 448-1411.

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• February 20: Annual Heritage Day at the Buckhorn Community Centre – This is a family fun day, run entirely by volunteers, with exhibitions and displays from local groups and individuals. We are celebrating the history of the area as well as showcasing the countries origin of existing local residents through an International food court, and a visit from special guest, our Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield. Admission is free however there will be opportunities for donations as this is a fundraising event for our new Buckhorn Sports Pad.

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**Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

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the Haliburton Fire Department,  
Ambulance Team and everyone  
who helped out at my accident,

Thursday, January 28th.  
A special thanks to Jeff Bunn and  
the two other young men who  
stayed with me and talked to me  
through the whole ordeal.  
Everything turned out fine.

*God Bless each and  
everyone of you.*

Lynn Cox

## THANK YOU

The "Help For Haiti" fund-raising event held at the West Guilford Recreation Centre on Jan. 29/10 was a **HUGE SUCCESS** thanks to all that attended and to those that sent in their donations. As a result, the total donations amount to just over \$4500.00 which will be sent to the Canadian Red Cross to help in the Haiti Relief effort. The people in our community and elsewhere should give themselves a pat on the back for the support they have shown to the citizens of Haiti in their time of great need. We would like to acknowledge the help we received in making this night such a success. Thank you to Kathy McIlMurray, Margo Ross, Shirley Johnston, Perry & Kay Morrison, Tanya Sisson, Sara Burtch, Earl Cox, Richard Lee, Emile Duchene, Carmen Sawyers, Matt Barnhardt and Dave McKay for helping to set-up and tear down the hall and servicing the snack bar and door. Of course without the generosity of our talented performers in the Haliburton/Minden area none of this would have been possible. So a huge thank you to (in order of performance) Bill Gliddon, Wendy Connelly, Linda Robertson, Don Stiver, Ryan

VanLieshout, Beth Johns, Laurel McAuley, Bob Penfold, Hugh Taylor, Dan Manley, Bas Bouthoorn, Larry Mattsson, Julie Barban, Loretta Kerr, Nicole Mazara, Tamara Poropat, Kelsey Crow, Johnny Burke, Jeff Barry, Carl and Lauren Dixon. We are truly indebted to Roxanne Casey for the great job of emceeing our show and to Canoe FM and Moose FM for their many public service announcements that got the word out in such short notice. Lastly, an extra thank you to Johnny Burke for supplying a sound system for all the performers to use. This was truly a community effort and once again the people of the Haliburton area have shown their big heart.

*Thanks to all, from Eleanor Cooper and Carol Stamp.*



## Deaths



### Royce Bain

**(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)**

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Friday February 5, 2010 in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Dorothy Bain (Bannon). Loving father of Tim (Insp. T.D. Bain) and his wife Jann of Fort McMurray, Alberta and Jamie and his wife Jeanette of Nanaimo, B.C. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kyrstin, Kerynne, Michelle, Katherine, Patrick and great grandsons William and Owen. Dear brother of Florence. Will be missed by his nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his son Michael, his brothers Hector and Russell and his sisters Muriel, Verna and Lorraine.



### Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, February 7, 2010 from 2-4 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Monday afternoon, February 8, 2010 at 2 o'clock. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

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**Douglas Sealey** passed away peacefully at his home in Kingston, Ontario on January 24th, 2010. His beloved wife, Hilda, passed away two years previously. Both were long time citizens of Haliburton and enjoyed many years of happiness on Grass Lake and partaking in various activities in the community. He is survived by his son Raymond (Arundel, Quebec) and his daughter Linda Mehrman (Wolf) of Kingston; grandchildren Rémy, Kevin (Lynette), Kurt (Claire), and great grandchildren Jasmine, Chelsea and predeceased by Damian.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a gift be made in the name of Douglas Sealey to the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation in Kingston, Ontario.



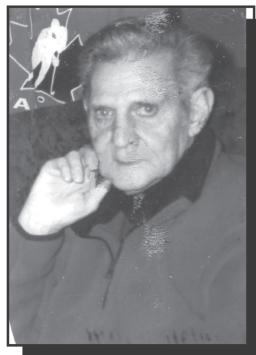
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## Deaths

### NICHOLL Robert Albert

(retired from John's Mansville and Harmac Transportation)

Peacefully at his home in Oshawa with his loving wife by his side after a brave battle on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 in his 73rd year. Bob, beloved husband and best friend of Carol (nee Saxon) of 54 years. Loving father of Cindy-Lee (Denis) and Penny (Mark Vanson). Proud Papa of Calvin, Brett, Tyrone and Taylor. Dear brother of Diane, Gail, Gord, Bonnie and the late Bryant. Predeceased by his parents Robert Nicholl and Muriel McDonald. Bob will be sadly missed by his dog Emma, nieces, nephews family and friends. A Memorial Service will take place at MOUNT LAWN RECEPTION CENTRE, 21 Garrard Road Whitby (North of Hwy 2) 905-443-3376 on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 11 a.m. In memory of Bob, donations to R.S. McLaughlin Cancer Centre or the Lung Association would be appreciated.



**SMITH, Gregory John** - In loving memory of Gregory John Smith, a long time employee of Curry Motors. Passed away suddenly at home in Haliburton on Sunday, January 31, 2010. At the age of 58. Dear father of Kirk and his wife Dayle and predeceased by his son Chad. Fondly remembered by their mother Faye. Loving grandpa of Brenden and Emma. Dear brother of Allan and his wife Dona and he will be missed by their family. A Private Family Service was held. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged by the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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## Card of thanks

**W**e wish to thank our families, our friends, and our neighbours for their concern, support and thoughtfulness during a very sad time.

The food, the flowers and donations to the Dysart Fire Department were very much appreciated.

Also a very large thank you to Dwaine Lloyd & his staff at Haliburton Community Funeral Home.

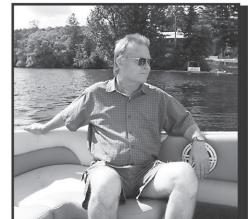
*Many Thanks*  
Gail Scott & Family



## In memoriam

Dear Andris.  
It will be a year this Feb 11 since you left us. It has been a very difficult year. I just wanted you to know that we are doing the best we can. We have met an amazing amount of great people, along with family and friends, who have been by our sides this entire year. They have offered us continuous help, love and support. You would be very proud of everyone. We miss you dearly, love you and cherish the many beautiful memories of you.

Love,  
Lorienn, Kyla & Karlis



**Andris  
Suchovs**



**In Loving Memory of  
Dale Clifford McKnight**

February 6, 2009

*A year has come and gone,  
A million times I've needed you  
A million times I've cried,  
If love could have saved you  
You never would have died.  
Things we feel most deeply  
Are the hardest things to say,  
My dearest one, I loved you,  
In a very special way.  
If I could have one lifetime wish  
One dream that could come true,  
My lifetime wish would be,  
For yesterday and you.*

**From his loving wife, Susan**



### Connor Gilmore

**July 18, 1994 - February 8, 2009**  
*In loving memory of our cherished  
and precious grandson.*

*In tears we saw you sinking  
We watched you fade away  
Our hearts were almost broken  
You fought so hard to stay  
God saw you getting tired  
When a cure was not to be  
So he closed his arms around you  
And whispered "come to me"  
Sadly missed & never forgotten by  
Grandma's & Grandpa's  
Gilmore & Gold  
and all your family & friends*



# Announcements

## In memoriam

### McNeil, Merrit Sr.

*In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away February 13, 1998*

*Heaven's gate swung gently open,  
the master called softly "come",  
and you dear one,  
took the master's hand,  
and your work on earth was done.*

*I'll never cease to miss you,  
and shed many silent tears,  
because I cannot share with you,  
my hopes, joys, fears.*

*But one day in God's garden,  
when the master calls me to come,  
you'll be at the gate with open arms,  
and say to me "welcome home".*

*Always loved, never forgotten,  
your wife Mary McNeil*

### McNeil Merreit Sr: In loving memory of a dear dad

**Born:** July 20, 1925  
**Died:** February 13, 1998

*Beyond the gate our loved one  
Finds happiness and rest  
And there is comfort in the thought  
That a loving God knew best.*

*Always remembered and missed  
each and everyday*

*your daughter,  
Wanda-Lee McNeil*

### In memoriam

**DOVELL, Floyd** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and Grandfather who passed away February 13, 1985.

*Memory is life's sweetest gift.*

Remembering you always  
Love Etta, June, Grant & Family

**HARTIN, William;**  
February 12, 2004

Alone, but never quite alone.  
I face an empty chair,  
But sometimes in the silence,  
I imagine he is there.

Lovingly remembered,  
Donna, children and grandchildren

**LITTLE, LEONARD** - In loving memory of a dear son, brother, uncle and great uncle, who passed away February 14, 1996.

*Those we love we never lose for always they  
will be loved, remembered, treasured,  
always in our memory.*

**The Family**

**McNeil, Merreit Sr - In loving memory  
of a dear father who passed away  
February 13, 1998.**

*Those we love we never lose  
For always they will be  
Loved, remembered, treasured  
Always in our memory  
Love Always,  
Reta and Ken*



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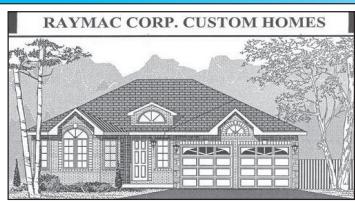
4 unit apartment building located between Haliburton and Minden. 3 units are 1 bedroom, 4th unit is a 2 storey with 3 bedrooms. All units are self contained with many upgrades. Excellent books, units are easily rented. The grounds are immaculate with beautiful gardens, paved driveway and easy access of highway.

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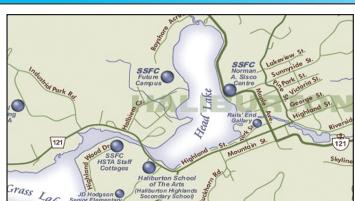
Nice, bright and clean 3 bedroom home. Many upgrades, modern eat in kitchen, full basement some finishing needed but 4th bdrm, recroom and office are set up. Some finishing needed. Double detached garage, pretty lot, year round road. Affordable, well maintained starter, retirement or family home.

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